

FREE PRESS.

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SPECIAL EDITION.

We are arranging to issue our Special Edition the latter part of next week or first of the week after.

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The FREE PRESS is just closing its Tenth Year under the present management. We have labored faithfully during that time, in the face of many difficulties, to build up a respectable newspaper in this county, and incidentally to make it a benefit to this country and community. We can say of a truth that during the greater part of said period we have, in our desire to publish a creditable paper, spent more money on it than the patronage bestowed on it warranted, and are still doing so. Our hope has been, and is, that our people would finally wake up to the importance of the subject of well sustaining their home paper, so that we might secure at least a fair return for all our labors and expenditures.

In again referring to the matter now, we do not propose more than to call attention to the subject. The FREE PRESS is well known, and speaks for itself. Both as a local and general newspaper it is better than ever before. This we believe is generally understood and conceded, and people only need be awakened to the duty of better sustaining it, so that it may continue to grow better. In order to this, and as a further inducement to subscribers, we offer the following valuable

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We solicit attention to the above offer, and hope to secure many subscriptions in accordance with it. Times, it is true, are likely to be rather hard for some time to come, yet there is scarcely any one who cannot afford the small sum required to secure a copy of his home paper.

Specimen copies of the FREE PRESS sent on application. Terms as heretofore.

AMERICAN JOURNALIST.—We have received a copy of the first issue of an interesting periodical bearing the above title. It contains portraits and biographical sketches of leading Missouri editors, and much other matter of interest to newspaper-men as well as others. Published at St. Louis.

COMMENT upon the killing of Fly by Ward, says the San Antonio Light, is almost altogether unnecessary. Its old story of drink, and the possession of a revolver. If the law and public opinion could operate in a crusade against these deadly agencies, society would be much better, and its need less to say much safer. A tank full of whisky and a loaded revolver combined in one person is more certain of a victim than the plague.

THE MANHATTAN magazine for September is on our table, and a very attractive number of this new and promising candidate for public favor, do we find it. It contains articles by Julian Hawthorne, Benj. F. Taylor, Kate Field, and various others of note, and is eminently readable. Mr. Taylor's article entitled "A Grave Matter Fifty Years Ago," in which he treats of funerals and their incidents then and now and refers incidentally to the great coffin factory at our old town of Richmond Indiana, reminds one of the best essays of Charles Lamb. THE MANHATTAN is also liberally illustrated. We will order it for any one.

Beecher at Austin.

Millet's fine large opera was crowded to nearly its full capacity on Monday night by the best people of Austin, to listen to Henry Ward Beecher's lecture on "The Reign of the Common People." A full report fills three and a half columns, in solid nonpareil, of the Galveston News, so that the FREE PRESS is unequal to the task of even a fair synopsis. We advise our readers to buy the News of Sunday last and read the lecture. It will repay careful perusal.

Although we had heard from the the rostrum many of the leading men of the present day, somehow we had missed Mr. Beecher. In general appearance and make-up he resembles a Quaker. He is not much above the average in height but is quite portly. The portraits in general circulation give a very good idea of his face and head. His voice and manner are fine and attractive. Mrs. Beecher accompanied him. She also dressed quite plainly, but had the appearance of a woman of mind and decided character.

THERE was quite a love feast at Saltillo, Mexico, on the occasion of Gov. Ireland's recent visit.

OUT of some 200 editors in Texas, only about 20 went on the excursion to Louisville, etc. How much better it would have been to have taken a little more time and have had the State really well editorially represented. The showing had was unjust to the newspapers generally of the State.

Texas Patents.

Seward A. Haseltine, attorney and solicitor of patents, Springfield, Mo., sends us the following list of patents issued to citizens of Texas for the week ending Sept. 25, 1883:

Theodore Holt, Lexington; plow gauge. By assignment to Model Machine Company, Waco; oil-press mat.

In reference to our remark, that the result of the vote on local option at Kyle would be apt to throw a damper on school prospects there, the Nutshell suggests that liquor is also sold here, and is unable to see the difference. The difference is that there the issue was newly made, just after the establishment of the Baptist High School, and prohibition was strongly urged by Revs. Abbott, Morrill and others, on the ground that many who otherwise would patronize the school would not place their sons where they would be exposed to the temptations of open saloons. And comparisons favorable to such places as Dripping Springs were drawn. We say the issue was thus freshly made at Kyle, for a specific purpose, and on that issue the advocates of temperance were beaten. No such issue has for years been made here. We trust, however, the result may not prove so disastrous at Kyle as some seemed to anticipate.

Ayer & Son's American Newspaper Annual.

We have received a copy of this work for 1883, and find it the most complete thing of the kind that has ever been issued. It contains a carefully prepared list of all newspapers and periodicals in the United States and Canada, arranged by States in geographical order, and by towns in alphabetical order. The name of the paper, the year it was established, size, circulation, politics, &c., is given. It also gives the population of the United States, and of each State, Territory, county and county seat, the chief cities and towns, and of nearly every place where a paper is published, from the census of 1880. Also similar information for the Dominion of Canada, from the census of 1881. It also gives the political majorities and the Greenback vote of States and counties at the Presidential election of 1880.

We know of no other single publication which contains information of such varied use and value for general business purposes. It is a model work of the kind. Price \$3, carriage paid.

The Presidential Outlook.

The Cincinnati Times-Star has this to say: As far as Indiana is concerned, the McDonald movement has manifestly progressed backward. The Democratic press of the State is strongly against "Uncle Joe." A cry goes up all around for the ticket that in 1876 carried the State, and also swelled the volume of the circulating medium in every county. The Holman boom, apparently, is as yet confined to the columns of the New York Sun. Sagacious politicians believe, however, that the more it spreads the better for the old ticket. It is considered to be a side movement, directed by telephone from Gramercy Park, to drive from the field McDonald, and all other would-be rivals of Hendricks in the West. Holman as a great man has been manufactured to order for the occasion.

San Marcos.

We went to San Marcos last Saturday, and found a very pleasantly located little city, inhabited by a great many nice people. Among the things that impressed us was the new court-house, lately built, which is one of the finest in the state. But the crowning glory of San Marcos is the lake-like springs, at the head of the San Marcos river. The water reaches a depth in places of 25 feet, and is so clear that even at this depth the smallest pebble may be plainly seen on the bottom. And the mosses, ferns and various water plants, which have their home in the pellucid depths of this fairy lake, reflect every hue of the of the rainbow, forming a picture of surpassing loveliness.

While our trip to San Marcos was a strictly business one, it panned out a larger proportion of pleasure than business, and we are largely indebted to the Messrs. McClellan (father and son); to Hofheinz, the big, jolly Boniface, of the hostelry that bears his name; to Mr. Julian, the FREE PRESS man; and others.

[We meant to have copied the above, from the San Antonio Wool Journal, last week, but it was overlooked.—Ed.]

From St. Louis.

St. Louis, Sept. 28, 1883.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:—A trip to Chicago prevented me from contributing my usual letter to the FREE PRESS last week.

Dispatches just received announce the death of George Knapp, senior proprietor of the Missouri Republican. This remarkable man began his career on the Republican as a poor errand boy 57 years ago. Mr. Knapp could not write the most indifferent editorial. He was destitute of ability to write, but he had the American instinct for business which amounted to genius, and it was under his tact, superior judgment, and devotion to the best interests of society, and the growth of St. Louis, that the Republican grew up into such mighty proportions. Mr. Knapp died at sea on his way home from Europe.

The preparations for Fair week are about completed. The city will be brilliant and magnificent beyond past experience.

The longest drought known for many years is now prevailing in this part of the State, and the dust upon the highways is fearful.

The dead-lock between the Mayor and City Council still continues, and the citizens are disgusted with the quarrel. All appointments made by the Mayor are steadily rejected by the "Solid Seven" who compose the majority of the Council.

The Sunday law of St. Louis is a failure. The Sabbath breakers call for a jury, and in every case thus tried, the verdict has been not guilty. It is utterly useless to attempt to enforce any law here on Sunday; on that day the bar-rooms and smutty theatres reap large profits, and every sort of debauch runs riot.

CARL SMYTHE.

Dripping Springs.

SEPTEMBER 29TH, 1883.

ED, FREE PRESS:—I see in your last issue that you would like to have a correspondent at Dripping Springs. With this I undertake act as such, but I fear I will fail to be as interesting as others might be.

Well, our town is certainly "on a boom," the hotel is nearing completion, one new store completed, lumber on the way for another, also lumber for a Masonic Lodge has been purchased and it will soon be erected. Carl Pearey will commence the erection of a large and commodious building for the purpose of an agricultural implement depot, which is much needed here. Mrs. Hartson, recently from Silver City, New Mexico, has located here for the purpose of educating her children. Mr. Dikes and family arrived last Wednesday from Tennessee. Mr. D. is a pleasant gentleman and has quite an interesting family. We give all such a hearty welcome to our community. There is quite a number of new settlers already here, and more to follow.

Cotton is coming in rapidly, and business is lively. The new gin here is doing a big business. Our school is in a flourishing condition, it is presided over by Prof. T. T. Martin, assisted by Miss Etta Dibblee, an accomplished young lady, recently from Eastern Tex. The number of pupils in attendance at present is seventy, with fifteen others enrolled to enter school Monday. Prof. Martin has not the power to give his pupils "brains," but he certainly can cultivate and inform what nature has given them. As soon as the permanent principal is elected, the FREE PRESS shall have a good "ad" of our school, if I have to pay for it myself. Before the close of the present term we will have the largest school in West Texas.

Prof. J. W. Long gave a musical entertainment at the Academy last night which was enjoyed very much by all present. Everybody here enjoys life and thinks they are "truly blest" with a high-toned moral community. The only thing we are behind in is the matrimonial market, which is very dull at present, considering the number of beautiful young ladies and handsome young men, here. For the present "adieu."

ROX E.

It is impossible for a man to be careless in business affairs, or unmindful of his business obligations, without being weak or rotten in his personal character. Show me a man who never pays his notes when they are due, and who shuns the payment of his bills when it is possible, and I shall see a man whose moral character is, beyond all question, bad.—Dr. Holland.

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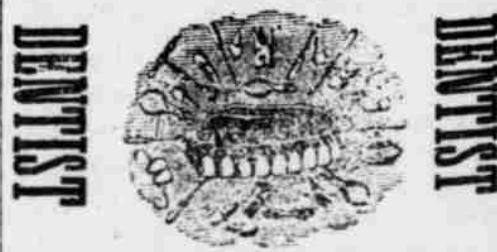
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